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Whispering Campaign

NEWS from the Soviet Union which is both official and reliable, is not abundant, to be sure, yet some news exists and is contained occasionally in the Soviet Press, which still remains our main source of information. It appears doubtful, therefore, whether we should provisionally ignore a virtue.

GEORGI Malenkov is 50. Since the early 'thirties he has been one of the handful of grey eminences in the Communist Party Secretariat in the Kremlin, hardly known to outside observers but far more powerful than most of the unknowns who surround him.

His name was first mentioned in the Soviet Press in 1930. Serving under Kaganovich in Turbansky, he became the protégé of this Communist leader, who happened to be very influential at that time. Malenkov returned with him to Moscow in the middle thirties and organized the fight against the Trotskyites among Moscow students. In 1939 he became a member of the Party Secretariat, first in a minor capacity and later as the deputy of Yezhov, head of the Cadres Department, responsible for all appointments (and dismissals) in the party and state apparatus.

When Yezhov left the department, to become head of the political police during the big purge Malenkov was promoted director, and succeeded in keeping his position during those troubled times, in spite of many accusations. The further down he came, the more he was trusted. He was almost automatic, though not yet a full member of the Politburo when the war broke out in 1941, he became at once a member of the Supreme War Council, which fixed his status once and for all as a member of the Party's inner circle. At the start of the war he was delegated to the front, critical front (Belograd), yet it was less by his physical presence there than by his organizational work in the Party Secretariat that he made his personal contribution to the Soviet war effort.

SINCE 1949 and especially since the death of Andrei Zhdanov his name has been inevitably taken second or third place in all announcements affecting the party leadership. Malenkov's role is extremely rigid and can be relied upon. He is only potential rival, yet it is not without reason that he is considered a potential rival. He is a man who has been in the party for a long time, and especially since the death of Zhdanov, he has been a constant presence.

It is not to be expected that anything about the views and opinions of Georgi Malenkov, the individual, has been published in newspapers or magazines (on the 75th birthday of Malenkov's 75th birthday) and has made two speeches, one on the occasion of a Cominform meeting in 1947, the other for the traditional November 7 celebrations in 1947. The most striking thing about these speeches and articles is their absolute anonymity, they could have been published just as well under the name of any other Soviet leader. This perhaps is a logical result of Soviet developments. Lenin was essentially a political theoretician who became acquainted with political practice only through the theory of circumstances. Stalin stands midway between Lenin and Malenkov; he reached the conclusion in his later years that one should not worry too much over conformity between one's position and political theory. He is the closest opposite of these philosophies of whom there are few. His task is to change the world. The position he occupies is not a happy one.

India Will Bring S. Africa Issue Before U.N.

NEW DELHI, Sunday (UP).—India has decided to bring before the U.N. General Assembly the passive resistance campaign of the South African natives against their Government's racial policies, it was announced here today.

The passive resistance movement is viewed by India as a "development of the highest importance from the point of view of the future of the entire African continent and, indeed, the whole world," the announcement said.

India's U.N. representative has been directed to raise the matter at a meeting of the Asian-African bloc in New York on Monday in an effort to get their cooperation. The issue will be raised independently from the overall South African Indian racial problem which has been before the U.N. for the past six years.

Opening of Talks On Kashmir Seen Delayed
GENEVA, Sunday (Reuter).—The Ministerial conference between India and Pakistan on the future status of Kashmir, due to begin tomorrow, will probably be postponed till Tuesday because the Indian delegation has been delayed en route, it was authoritatively stated here today.

At the talks Indian and Pakistani Ministers are to discuss the Kashmir question with Dr. Frank Graham, U.N. Kashmir mediator. Dr. Graham is to report the outcome of the negotiations to the Security Council "at the appropriate moment."

Soviets Ask Bigger Role for Germans

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter).—The USSR again insists on linking talks on free elections throughout Germany with discussion of a German peace treaty and an all-German government. In a note to the Big Three reported by TASS early today the Soviet Union flatly rejected the Western case that four-power investigations into conditions for holding free general elections should precede treaty and unity talks, and countered with proposals for discussing all three questions at a conference to be held not later than October.

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The note was delivered last night to Britain, the U.S. and France. It reiterated Russia's earlier contention—and turned down by the Western powers in July—that preparation of a peace treaty with Germany should be the first thing discussed. Formation of an all-German government was the second item on the Soviet three-point agenda for the proposed conference. An election investigation commission came last.

The Western note of July 19 which the Russian note answered proposed a conference to discuss only the setting up of an impartial German election commission. One new suggestion in the latest Soviet note was the election commission should consist of German members by the German Government, and Soviet members by the Soviet Government. A suggestion from Germany should not be discussed, the note said.

The Soviet note said the Western suggestion that an international commission should investigate the election situation in Germany was "an insult to the German people." It also suggested that the Western powers should discuss the question of free elections before the German Government considered the proposed conference "cannot be held in a free atmosphere."

Believed Unacceptable
Western opinion is particularly opposed to starting negotiations before there is in existence an all-German Government which could be consulted. Diplomatic sources in Washington saw little chance of the West accepting the Soviet proposal for a four-power meeting on a German treaty. State Department officials refused to comment on the note but diplomatic circles saw it as an attempt to sow dissension among the Western powers and prevent West German ratification of the peace contracts with the West.

Stability Clause Of Reparations Pact Settled

The stability clause in the German reparations agreement has been settled "favorably," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday in Jerusalem. He declined, however, to disclose the method of stabilization or any details of the draft agreement.

It was reported previously that a decision on the clause were the last major step to be taken before signing the reparations documents.

No official suggestions regarding the place where the agreement is to be signed have yet been made, nor has it been discussed who would sign on behalf of Israel.

The Ministry still does not know what charges were preferred against Mr. Mordecai Oren by the Czechoslovak Government, the spokesman said. The latest Israeli note, which asked, among other things, if Mr. Oren is to be permitted to have Israeli legal counsel, has not yet been answered.

Denies Reported Charges
The spokesman denied reports that Mr. Oren was arrested for activities in regard to reparations from East Germany. Mr. Oren was not asked to undertake any political mission, the spokesman said.

Regarding the report that the Zionist Organization of America had asked the U.S. to give Israeli military aid, the spokesman said this action was taken without the knowledge of the Foreign Ministry. Israel's request for permission to purchase arms in the U.S. has been already approved, he said.

Approach to Egypt On Diplomatic Level Likely

Jordan to Try 2 Israel Soldiers

Two Israeli soldiers, whom Jordan promised to repatriate last week, are to be tried by an Arab Legion court martial on charges of infiltration and carrying arms in Jordan territory, "A-Difa" Old City daily reported. The soldiers were captured on June 30 while on night manoeuvres near Latrun.

The trial follows the recent decision by Jordan's new Ministerial Committee on Armistice Affairs to court-martial "any Israelis who infiltrate and commit crimes in Jordan." The Legionnaires crossed into Israel, he stressed.

During the past three days, Legionnaires crossed the armistice lines several times into Israeli territory. Israeli units which met them opened fire, and they fled across the border. In the exchanges of fire, no losses were inflicted on our forces.

Israel has lodged complaints with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

Basra Dockers Clash With Iraqi Police
Scores of striking Basra port workers and Iraqi police were injured yesterday in clashes which involved several hundred workers. NEABS reported yesterday.

No Offers Made to Mediate

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Although no diplomatic steps have yet followed the peace offer to Egypt made by Prime Minister Ben Gurion in the Knesset last week, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday that he believed such action likely. He stressed that any decision required Cabinet approval.

No foreign powers have offered to mediate between Israel and Egypt, he said, and added, "anybody who wants to work for peace is welcome."

Regarding the Jordan Prime Minister's statement on separatist tendencies in Jordan-held parts of Palestine, the spokesman said the Foreign Ministry was aware of the ferment in these sections. This was an internal Jordan affair, however, he said.

Any change in the political status of Jordan-held territory would mean a change in the Armistice Agreement with Jordan.

British Quit Suez Zone Rail Bridge
CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter).—A British Army platoon yesterday withdrew from the strategic Suez Canal Zone road and railway bridge at El Firdan, occupied during the Anglo-Egyptian campaign last October, after a handover ceremony with full military honours. The Egyptian flag was hoisted at the head of the Egyptian customs house near the Bridge and the British forces returned to the Canal Zone Area where they are stationed under the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936.

General Mohammed Naghi, Army Commander-in-Chief, has ordered Cairo from a wide area of Egyptian forces in the Canal Zone and other areas. He ordered the British forces to leave the Canal Zone Area where they are stationed under the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936.

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

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T.A. Council Votes On

L.P.D., Theatre Tax

JERUSALEM POST Special TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Municipal Council here tonight voted to collect a five per cent entertainment tax from theatres and the L.P.D. (Liquor and Public Drinking) tax from the amounts collected. The resolution followed objections to the five per cent tax.

Mr. Menachem Cohen (Histadrut) told the Council that residents on the beach of Wadi Morasha were directing their sewage water into the Wadi, which was now filthy and below the "minimum standards of public hygiene."

He was joined by Mr. A. Karmi (Histadrut) who also drew the Council's attention to the need for the reconstruction of the Yomotei quarter which is situated in the centre of the town.

Its buildings were dilapidated, its streets dark and unpaved, and its children without a club or a kindergarten, he claimed. The Mayor replied that he would look into the matter.

Mr. Ya'akov Elizer (Communist) asked whether it was true that the Municipal Hospital would be made smaller. The Mayor replied in the negative.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Council rose in tribute to its late councillor Mr. Yitzhak Rabin. Mayor Israel Rabinovich and Councilor Pinchas Turin, M.A. Ben Anat and Elizer Peri eulogized the founder of the Palmach.

Histadrut to Probe Financial Affairs
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Histadrut Control Committee has been given a free hand to engage as many men as needed to ensure a full and speedy investigation into any financial activity of Histadrut members it was learned here today.

A few cases of misappropriation of funds were discovered lately, and, although the sums were large, Histadrut leaders decided to stop any license which may have dropped up with the increase in Histadrut membership, a spokesman told THE POST.

Members of the Histadrut who failed in their duties were dismissed from the Federation and, where criminal intention was manifest, the case was transferred to the Police.

10th Group Finish Magdiel School
Kfar Saba, Sunday. — The tenth group of 13 to 16-year-old boys and girls was graduated from the Mossesohn Agricultural School in Magdiel today. The 46 graduates had come from 14 different countries, and included youths brought to Israel by Youth Aliya after years in concentration camps in Rumania and Poland.

Twenty of the group have formed a nucleus for farming at Kfar Usha, in the Emek, while many of the others will return home to join their former parents and guardians. Some of them are to complete their studies elsewhere.

During the 10 years of its existence the School, which now has 250 pupils, has trained 1,050 in general subjects and farming. The School has seven elementary and two secondary classes and a 1,400-dunam farm.

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100-Grain Egg

NIGDAL ABRAHAM, Sunday

(ITIM). — An egg four times its normal size, weighing 100 grams, was found in the poultry run of a Migdal Abrahim resident today.

A good-sized egg normally weighs about 45 grams.

Industry Threatened, Merchants Warn
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Merchants' Association will ask the Government to intervene immediately to prevent a lack of raw materials from threatening the industry, the Association's President declared here today. Lack of long-term credits also threatened the regular work of industrialists, it was stated.

The bottleneck into which the industry is heading has been apparent for the past few months, the President told. Local consumption had diminished considerably since the introduction of the New Economy Policy, while regular increases in cost-of-living allowances made cost calculations at prices non-viable. The situation was clearly demonstrated in the over-increasing number of unemployed, the industrialists said.

Council, Kupat Holim To Run Hasharon
PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — The Petah Tikva Municipal Council decided tonight to go into equal partnership with the Kupat Holim to take over the Hasharon Hospital here as a municipal hospital.

The Hasharon Hospital now has four departments with 73 beds. Under the contract the Kupat Holim is to put the hospital, with all its equipment and adjacent plot, at the disposal of the Hasharon Community.

The municipality is to provide IL200,000 for the construction of a new wing on the vacant plot to provide another 50 beds. Shares in the Hasharon Community will be held equally by the Municipality and the Workers' Sick Fund.

Rock Kills Man At Haifa Quarry
HAIFA, Sunday. — A rock fell on Jamil Abdul Barab, 50, at a quarry near Khawassa, outside Haifa, and killed him instantly at 11 a.m. this morning. His body was transferred to Ramat Hasharon.

Last night a private car hit a pedestrian, Gerson Kawa, 16, of Tirat Carmel, not far from his home on the Tel Aviv highway. He was taken to the Rothschild Hospital with concussion. The driver was freed in bond.

MAN DIES IN POOL
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Max Friedman, 36, of 28 Rehov Ha-Avoda here, was pulled out dead from the Gaiel Gai swimming pool in Ramat Gan this evening. Pool officials reported that the man swam to the railings, and there died clutching the iron bar.

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Part of the area of the present ma'hara was in danger of floods in the winter, he said, explaining the move.

Nurses School At

Former Monastery

JERUSALEM POST Special HAIFA, Sunday. — The former Carmelite Monastery on the road to Bat Galim, which adjoins the Ramat Hasharon Hospital, is now being reconstructed as a nurses training school. The spare thus vacated in the Hospital will suffice for the addition of another hundred beds. Execution of this project began when the Government ordered for the confiscation of the Monastery, gazetted about three months ago, became operative, no appeal having been filed since.

After the War of Liberation the spacious building and courtyard, covering an area of 25 dunams, remained unoccupied for some time, and the Health Ministry negotiated for its lease from the Carmelite Order. When Finance Ministry officials found the rect proposed excessive, the owners offered to sell the property for IL120,000, but demanded part payment in foreign currency. This the Ministry had to turn down, and negotiations, which had dragged on for months, again became deadlocked.

The Shikun Amami Co. Ltd., a workers' housing company, then offered to meet the owners' conditions, but before the transaction was recorded in the Land Registry Office, the late Finance Minister, Mr. Kaplan, issued the confiscation order, previous negotiations for purchase of the property by the Government having failed.

The P.W.D. is now modernizing the building, installing electricity and a sewage system. The work is expected to be completed in six months.

Chinese to Act Against Intransigent Landlords
HONG KONG, Sunday (UP). — General Lin Piao, Chairman of the Central South China Regional Government, has issued stern measures for the control of landlords who refuse to accept the land reform programme, according to the New China News Agency today.

The measures will apply to landlords who attempt to sabotage the reforms, who refuse to participate in the reforms or who are guilty of despotism or counter-revolutionary activities.

The measures listed are: • Intransigent landlords shall not be allowed to receive visitors or leave their homes for a specified period. • They shall report periodically to local peasant associations on their movements and activities, and • They shall renounce in other instances necessary or shall be returned into forced labour to reform their minds.

U.S. STEEL AGREES ON UNION CONTRACT
PITTSBURGH, Sunday (Reuter). — The United States Steel Corporation — American biggest steel producer — has agreed to a new contract with the United Steel Workers Union on a new contract.

The firm was the last big producer to come to terms with the Union.

Texas Governor Against Stevenson
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Sunday (UP). — Democratic Governor Allan Shivers said last night that he told Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, that he could not vote for him for President because of the latter's opposition to state ownership of the oil-rich tidelands.

Mr. Shivers also said that Mr. Stevenson's stand on civil rights was also "not acceptable to me." He added that he thought Mr. Stevenson was "a very fine man," who wants to do what's right.

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THE Disarmament Commission of the United Nations has adjourned sine die and has asked the U.N. to issue a full

ANOTHER report of its EAST-WEST proceed-FAILURE

ing. Its failure, in the request, is tragic for the initial if it was hoped that things might possibly have turned out better. That the Soviet delegate opposed the publication of any report may perhaps in itself help to illustrate the reasons for the conference's failure.

Early in the conference the British and American members put forward a draft proposal for the limitation of armaments, for fixing the numbers of troops allowed to each power, for the listing of all armaments, and for the gradual abolition of "weapons of mass destruction." No doubt the plan could be disputed at many points, but it remained a courageous gesture, comparable with Litvinov's stand two decades ago, when the Soviet Union was in the forefront of disarmament protagonists. Now, in 1952, Mr. Malik, the Soviet representative, rejected the U.N. draft, claiming that the Chinese and North Korean representatives had admitted to the conference, a proposal which the U.S.A. would not countenance, for reasons best known in Washington. Then Mr. Malik changed his tune, demanding prior outlay of the atomic bomb, and refusing to discuss the Western draft. He denounced the U.S. as a nation of "gangsters" who had no intention of disarming. He went on to demand that the Commission, as "proof of its good will" condemn the U.S. for germ-warfare in Korea and China, though he had vetoed a U.N. resolution in the Security Council to have the charges investigated. Similar tactics had frustrated the International Red Cross meeting, where the Chinese delegate demanded that the I.R.C. denounce U.S. germ warfare in Korea, while refusing to permit a Red Cross Commission to visit the country.

Equally disturbing has been the news that the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe has had to abandon its plans for calling a conference to discuss means of stimulating trade between Eastern and Western Europe. The reason given by Gunnar Myrdal, Head of the Agency, was that the Eastern countries would not supply the necessary data — this, after the Moscow conference, two months earlier, with its emphasis on trade relations.

It seems difficult to avoid the conclusion that the Soviet leaders abandoned all intentions of reaching an agreement with the West, whether on the question of peace, economic relations, or indeed any phase of international cooperation.

THE Reading Room of the British Museum has been redecorated. This is rather like hanging up the bunting at a permanent intellectual holiday — an international stadium for the bespectacled. The R.M. waits at the end of a very long road for every child who can survive those stiff eliminating rounds which begin with "The test is on the test." Readers at the Museum, finalists in the scholarship class, have had to put up with a sudden change of scene: since the room was closed last Autumn, returning, they find that the old walls of dirty brown have taken on light and cheerful colours. Furthermore, there is air conditioning. No longer does that venerable appliance puff up warm air through openings in the floor as it has been doing since 1854. It is possible that with this important brain cell of the world being given better conditions more oxygen, thought will become cheerier, and each page of history more smiling? For instance, if Karl Marx had done his penmanship, not in the sulphuric fumes which London accepts as air, but in something more like a Mediterranean climate, might we have today a Gentle Peace instead of a Cold War?

BRIGHT READING

FEW things have so annoyed the housewife as the sudden jump in the cost of electricity, even if she is sufficiently good at figures to agree that, compared to other things, her electric bill is still not exorbitant. It has led to economy in using light, and apparently also to a certain neighbourliness in the matter. We hear from a woman who was sitting on her balcony in Tel Aviv that she was most intrigued to see a couple in a building two empty plots away start strange and at first quite meaningless gymnastics on their balcony. They danced up and down, stretched their hands to the ceiling, made curious little gestures with an outstretched finger,

FISHING SCHOOL AND RESEARCH STATION BEHIND NEW INDUSTRY Netting and Getting 'Em Alice-O

By GERDA L. COHEN

THERE is no getting away from it: Back to the Sea has been far less popular than Back to the Land. After four years of governmental stimulus, only about a thousand people derive a livelihood from the fact that Israel owns a considerable coast-line. We are a nation of land-lubbers; in Mandate times, Atlantic travellers weighed anchor at Haifa with their refrigerators full of cod, and plenty of North African marlin gladdened the fish-mongers' slab. After the War of Liberation the handful of Jewish fishermen who had been struggling to avoid bankruptcy breathed a sigh of relief, and had grandiose visions of a fleet catching silver harvests in the Mediterranean — but development of Israeli fishery has been slow. Between them the six fishing settlements possess ten boats, medium-sized craft with refrigerators or less, manned by seven or eight tough fellows in cramped and uncomfortable quarters. The Israeli fleet can muster in addition some dozen private sloops — an obsolete collection of vessels for a representative of sea English travellers which have been on order for two years.

Equipment Expensive

Depth-sounders, trawls and netting, nets themselves, can be procured through scarce and expensive; net-making machinery awaits for weeks in Ramat Gan, and even the two semi-built harbours at Sdot Yam and Michmoret will continue to find a subsidy if enough fuss is made. The major obstacle to ambitious plans is lack of knowledge; we have a scattering of men bred in the treacherous ways of the sea, to whom fishing is second nature; Israel apprentices undergo a slow and arduous initiation. Moreover, in the very kibbutzim founded by Kibbutz Meuchal to form a chain of fishing-groups, it is hard to muster enough men for a single crew. Why should a home-loving farmer sacrifice his family-life for the possibility of a few mullet? Sdot Yam compromised with stubborn wives by arranging a three-day shift for twelve men, who thus play on land more often than their neighbours at Ma'agan Michael, out at sea eight days in ten. Hacholim barely gives its best full employment; a serious defeat, for shole is seasonal and apt to disappear when a crew has been rounded up.

Post-war unemployment

In Italy brought a score of Genoese trawls to Haifa. They got permission to market their hauls here on condition that Israel recruits worked aboard, learning the secret of where to cast nets and when to haul in. As an expedient this has worked well. But the sole effort at training on a thorough



Learning seamanship and the art of casting a net at Michmoret. Photos by Schlingens

Intensive Course

"Jewish mothers don't like their kids to get wet feet," complained one of the teachers, a wiry ex-Navy man; nevertheless, 60 boys left primary school to begin the so much more exciting pursuit of sea-craft. "Don't think they splash around singing shanties for three years; it's really an intensive course."

Field Research

The station was well-named "Fortress of the Sea"; it stands solid-planted between shifting dunes and restless waves on the flaxen sand near Caesarea; marble pediments, tumbled Doric white, from the concrete wall or grey as wax-candle, jut from dunes like a sawn-off limb. A team of seven, six graduates of the Hebrew University and a Canadian girl biologist, occupy only part of the spacious building, which has replaced their one-room premises at Haifa Port. Shortage of intricate instruments and scientific personnel prevents the fullest use of Ma'oz HaYam.

Each member of the team

concentrates on one field of research; oceanography means fewer tora nets, for our coast waters have never been charted. A study of marine flora and fauna can indicate the distribution of plankton—microscopic plants which provide food for fish; shoal movements are virtually unknown, yet sardines account for 80 per cent of the haul from upper and middle reaches in the Mediterranean. Deep-sea trawlers would like to know about the life-history of the red mullet, a tasty little fish which makes up 60 per cent of their catch.

Often, the scientists go out

in their yacht to experiment with nets for catching larger fish, to measure currents and temperature, and to prove their seamanship as well as knowledge.

Boatmen Earned

The Canadian biologist has chosen the grey mullet as her subject of investigation: "a curious fish with a flair for being domesticated. Egypt recently constructed salt lakes for grey mullet, and the brackish water of ponds in Erez Zevulun and Bet Shan has been found suitable for artificial fertilization. Kibbutz Ein Hamifratz, for example, introduced eggs and sperm of the grey mullet into a pool off the river Ha'asman, where resulting small fry fed on fishmeal untouched by the carp, which browse along the pond-bottom and disregard floating meal. If the Research Station proves that mullet-breeding is capable not only of eugenic control, but also of exploiting water and food unusable by carp, it will get a laurel-wreath from Dr. Joseph."

This is the second of two

articles on fishing. The first appeared on August 22.

Readers' Letters

EQUAL DISTRIBUTION

To the Editor of THE POST: Sir, — I read with much interest the article in your paper recently, of an investigation by U.N. experts of the industrial and economic organization in this country.

RUSSIAN BOOKS

To the Editor of THE POST: Sir, — I regret to state that my letter to you published in your issue of August 21 under the heading "Russian Books" contains an error. The funds accruing from the sale in Israel of Russian books are deposited in a local currency frozen account in the name of the State Bank of Soviet Russia, and the Russian Legation is not allowed to use it for its own expenses.

POINT FROM LETTERS

DISAPPOINTED. — I am very disappointed with your review of the book "The Jew" (London 1951) by Chaim Weizmann. It is a pity that you did not have time to read one of our own players on such detailed details.

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To the Editor of THE POST: Sir, — I feel certain that, at the proper time, i.e. in 1944, the question of whether a railway system is necessary for the correct solution of the transport problems of Israel was never properly and correctly investigated.

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'COLD WAR' LITTLE ADVANTAGE TO EITHER SIDE TITO VERSUS THE VATICAN

By RICHARD LOWENTHAL

BELGRADE

TITO's Yugoslavia today does not strike the casual observer as a police regime. Most of the political prisoners arrested after the war are still held, but the labour camps were dissolved last November — except for one new camp for "Communists," active supporters of the Moscow line.

Church Charges

The Church says that the purpose of the Press campaign and of the arrests of militant priests is to intimidate people so that they will not dare send their children to religious instruction, and the counter-campaign of the bishops accordingly concentrates on the duty of every believer to profess his faith even at a risk.

BIGGEST ANTIQUITY FOUND IN TUNISIA

The biggest known monument of antiquity has been found in Tunisia, according to the "Manchester Guardian." An aerial photographic survey of Tunisia by the French National Institute of Geography is revealing the survival over vast areas of land of Roman "centuriation." This is a division of land into a regular checker-board of squares which in Tunisia measure about 700 metres a side. The squares are still traceable because the boundaries were reinforced by stones. The largest centuriated area is about 175,000 acres around El Djem in Central Tunisia, the ancient Thysdrus. Another area, further north, covers between 75,000 and 150,000 acres. (UNESCO)

Focus of Opposition

At that time, the newly-appointed Slovene bishops toured their dioceses, and in several cases were greeted by processions of peasants, carrying national flags from which the red star had been removed. In a critical situation, the Church thus proved the one potential rallying point for the peasant opposition — and the regime was correspondingly alarmed. Since then, economic relations between the Government and the peasants have much improved.

Yugoslav officials usually

claim that the campaign has become necessary by the recent heightening of tension at Trieste, and by the actively pro-Italian stand taken by the Trieste bishop, Santini, who still maintains many links with priests inside Yugoslavia. Yet it is demonstrable that the campaign started considerably before the latest Trieste crisis, and likely that its real origin was in spring of last year, when tension between the Government and the peasants was at its height for economic reasons.

Vatican Uncompromising

There is some justification, if not for charging the hierarchy with treasonable plotting, at least for seeing in the Vatican's uncompromising attitude proof both of sympathy with Italian irredentist demands and of hopes for an early overthrow of the Tito regime. As the Church is the only organized factor capable of opposition in the one-party State, and as the geographical and historical nature of its influence inevitably tends to make it a factor of division, it is natural that the regime takes this attitude seriously.

That fact, as much as any

Governmental pressure, seems also to be the reason why half the Slovene priesthood have joined a league which advocates "loyal co-operation with the Government." They take the line that intimidation would cease and the right not only to preach but to teach the faith could be safeguarded if only the hierarchy showed its willingness to accept the Tito Government as legal and permanent and to come to terms with it on that basis. A continuation of the present struggle certainly seems to offer little advantage for either side. (OFN)

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